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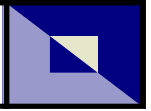


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HISTORY

The Governor's Council on Disability traces its roots to the World War II era. In 1947, President Harry S Truman issued an Executive Order establishing the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. This Committee was created to assist disabled WW II veterans with reentry into the civilian workforce. In 1949, Missouri established the state Governor's Committee to share information about work related problems facing people with disabilities. In 1994, our statute was updated to broaden our mission beyond employment, enabling the Governor's Council on Disability to become a voice for more than one million Missourians with disabilities in all facets of life, including state government.

MISSION

To provide leadership and support so people with disabilities achieve inclusion and independence.

VISION

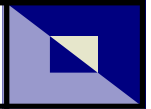
The Missouri Governor's Council on Disability will be recognized, statewide as the primary organization providing leadership to improve the lives of Missouri citizens with disabilities.

GOALS

The Missouri Governor's Council on Disability's Strategic and Operational Plan was reviewed and updated for 2012-14 on September 21, 2012. The Goals are:

- Goal I: Advise all state agencies and advocate for policies and practices that impact Missouri citizens with disabilities.
- Goal II: Encourage system changes and public policies that eliminate barriers to people with disabilities.
- Goal III: Expand opportunities and independence for people with disabilities in all aspects of their lives.
- Goal IV: Gather input from the public on disabilities-related issues and report the results of this information.
- Goal V: Develop, explore, and implement strategies to increase resources for and the operating efficiency of the Council.

For the complete Strategic Plan, please visit our website at <http://disability.mo.gov/gcd> and click on Strategic Plan.



COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

- 20 members and a chairperson comprise the Council.
- Council members are appointed by the Governor.
- The appointment of the chairperson requires the advice and consent of the Missouri Senate.
- Members represent each of the nine U.S Congressional Districts.
- The majority of members are people with disabilities.
- The Governor's Council is comprised of the following committees: Executive and Strategic Planning, Finance and Development, Personnel, Advocacy, Programs, and Employment and Education.
- The Council conducts quarterly meetings.

James Trout
Acting Chair

1st Congressional District
Webster Groves
First Appointed: 3/4/09

Rep. Jeff Grisamore

5th Congressional District
Lee's Summit
First Appointed: 5/10/10

Susan Orton

Member 8
Creve Coeur
First Appointed: 7/19/05

Joan Bergstrom

Member 1
Lee's Summit
First Appointed: 7/15/08

Ronald Hack

Member 10
Sunset Hills
First Appointed: 10/2/09

Derek Smith

Member 11
Osage Beach
First Appointed: 3/25/10

Betty Davidson

Member 5
St. Louis
First Appointed: 11/16/09

Mary Ann Harter

Member 3
Crestwood
First Appointed: 11/16/09

Robert Wallace

Member 2
St. Louis
First Appointed: 5/10/10

Charles Comstock II

6th Congressional District
Kirksville
First Appointed: 7/29/10

Todd Mayfield

3rd Congressional District
Jefferson City
First Appointed: 10/9/01

There currently are five
Council member vacancies.

Edward Duff

7th Congressional District
Joplin
First Appointed: 7/19/05

Teri Miller

Member 9
Chesterfield
First Appointed: 10/2/09

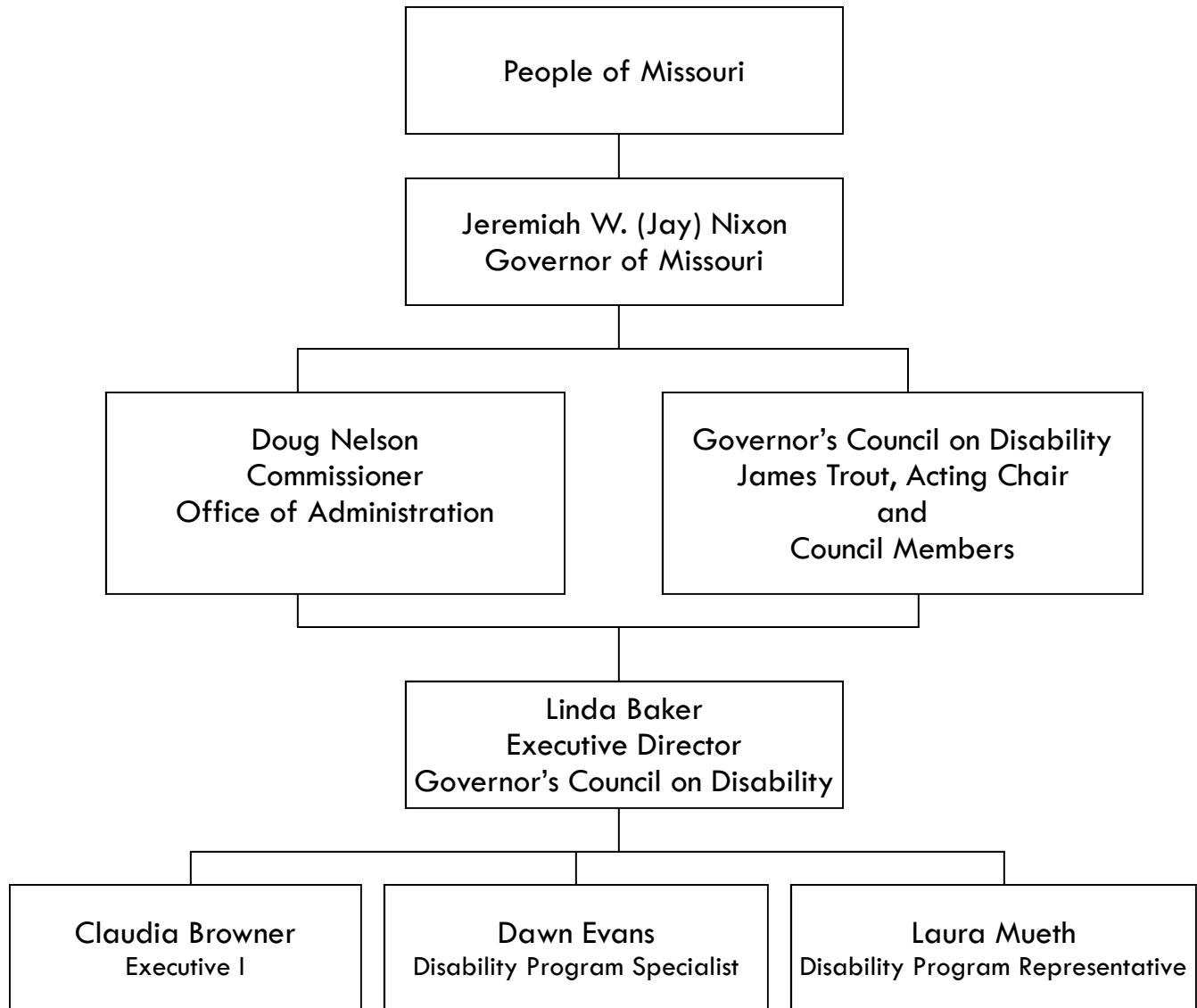
Michael Esser

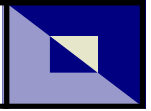
2nd Congressional District
Chesterfield
First Appointed: 10/14/05

DeAnna Noriega

Member 7
Fulton
First Appointed: 10/2/09

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE





COUNCIL EVENTS 2013

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

- James Trout continued to serve as the Acting Chair for the Council.
- There are currently five vacancies for Council members, and the Council Chair position.

STAFF

- Rachel Baskerville, a Missouri Youth Leadership Forum alum, completed an internship with the Governor's Council on Disability from January through May, 2013.

PROGRAMS

- The online Resource Directory for Missourians with Disabilities was updated and redesigned to make it more user-friendly.
- The GCD developed and maintained partnerships among the state departments. The state department liaisons are encouraged to attend the quarterly Council meetings and provide input.
- The GCD received a proclamation from Governor Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, declaring October as Disability History Month.
- Council staff provided exhibit booths at various conferences throughout the State of Missouri to raise disability awareness and provide information on disability related programs and resources.
- Staff provided presentations on the topics of employment of people with disabilities, disability awareness, service animals, and the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum as requested by agencies and employers.
- The GCD added an annual Youth Leadership Award as a new program.
- The GCD continued its annual programs
 - ⇒ Legislative Education Project
 - ⇒ Missouri Youth Leadership Forum
 - ⇒ Inclusion Award

FINANCES

The Governor's Council on Disability's programs are primarily financed through General Revenue. This funding covers personnel costs for most Council activities. The Fiscal Year 2014 (July 1, 2013 –June 30, 2014) budget is listed below:

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| Personnel (4 FTE): | \$167,562.00 |
| Operating Expenses: | <u>\$ 18,309.00</u> |
| Total: | \$185,871.00 |

At the time of publication, the Council has spent \$7,766.32 in operating expenses, 42.4% of the FY14 budget. Expenses include supplies, travel, Council meeting expenses, professional development, and expenses for GCD programs.

The Missouri Youth Leadership Forum (Forum) is a program that is **not** funded through General Revenue funds. This program is funded through a combination of private donations and grants.

Services for Independent Living (SIL) in Columbia is the 501(C)3 fiscal agent for the Forum account.

The following is a synopsis of the 2013 Forum budget.

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| Beginning balance Forum account (with SIL) July 1, 2013 | \$ 13,905.85 |
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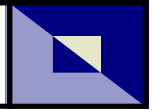
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| 2013 Forum event costs: | |
| Supplies & Material | \$ 2,001.55 |
| Presenter Fees and Travel Expenses | \$ 7,178.80 |
| Staff and Alumni Travel | \$ 544.27 |
| Accommodations (PCAs) | \$ 694.50 |
| Transportation/Scooter rental ¹ | \$ 0.00 |
| Meals (separate from MU billing) | \$ 365.08 |
| University of Missouri – Columbia ² | <u>\$ 15,176.36</u> |
| Total Spent: | \$ 25,960.56 |

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| Donations/sponsorships/deposits received in 2013: | \$ 28,641.36 |
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|----------------------------------------|--------------|
| Balance in SIL account (December 2013) | \$ 16,586.65 |
|----------------------------------------|--------------|

- 1- Transportation provided free of charge as an in-kind donation from Services for Independent Living in Columbia.
- 2 - Includes: Lodging, meals, banquet facilities, meeting rooms, conference center Fees.

The average cost of the 2013 Forum was about \$1,082 per student delegate.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

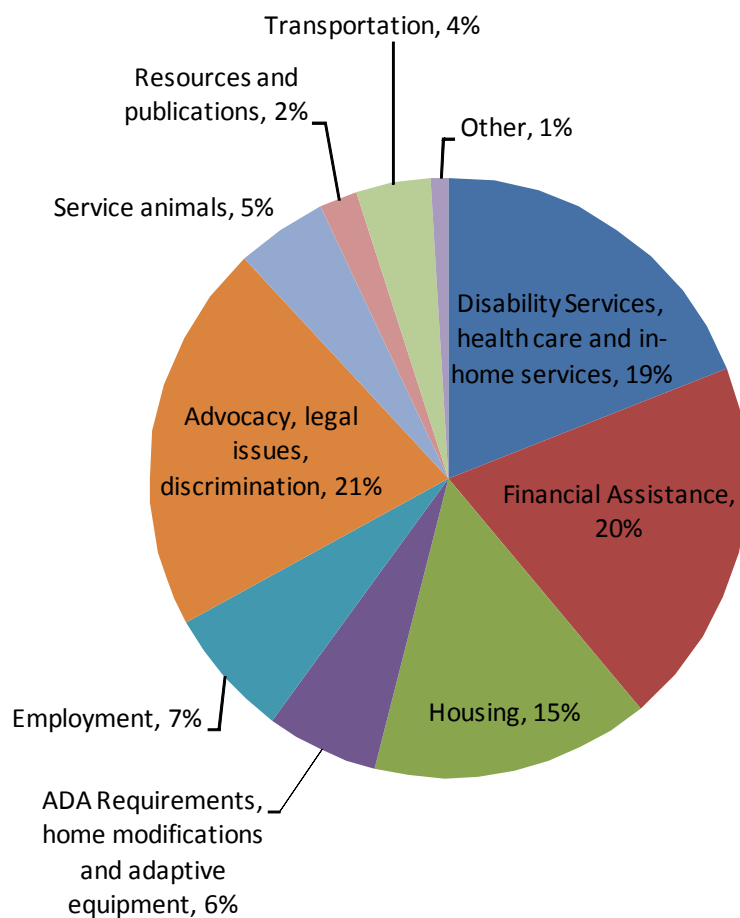
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Governor's Council on Disability provides disability-related technical assistance to individuals, businesses, governmental and agency representatives from all over the state, and occasionally from other states, by phone, letter, or e-mail. Most contacts were from individuals in need of resources in order to live more independently. Referrals were made to Centers for Independent Living, state and federal agencies, and other non-profits, including faith-based groups and Community Action Agencies. In some instances, referrals were made to businesses or for-profit entities. The Council also worked with a number of state legislators and the Governor's Office on Constituent Affairs to provide solutions to individuals' problems and issues.

In this past year, the Council received a substantial number of calls and e-mail inquiries concerning disability services, financial assistance, housing, service animals, employment, workplace accommodations, funding for health care assistance, utility assistance, transportation, and home modifications. Other common inquiries included information on disability statistics, state statutes, ADA guidelines and regulations, Universal Design standards, FMLA issues, eligibility requirements for disability benefits, and questions about potential discrimination on the job, in housing or in public places. Overall, the Council assisted more than 337 different individuals with their inquiries.

Additionally, the Council responded to 227 e-mail inquiries and requests. The number of callers has decreased by 8.3% compared to 2012, and the number of e-mail inquiries has increased by 5.6%.

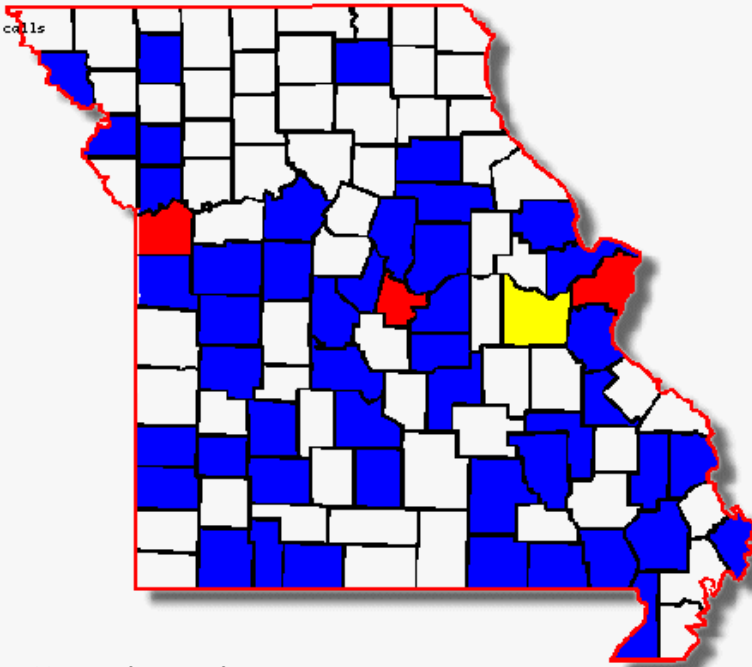
Inquiries by topic



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2013 Phone Inquiries by County

- - < 5% of calls
- - 5-10% of calls
- - > 10% of calls



Note: 5% of inquiries were from out of state

The counties displayed on the map include the following:

Group I (<5% of inquiries):

Adair, Audrain, Barry, Barton, Bollinger, Boone, Buchanan, Butler, Callaway, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Cass, Clay, Clinton, Dade, Dunklin, Gentry, Greene, Henry, Holt, Iron, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Laclede, Lincoln, Maries, Mississippi, Moniteau, Monroe, Morgan, Oregon, Osage, Pettis, Phelps, Polk, Reynolds, Ripley, Saline, Shannon, St. Charles, St. Clair, St. Francois, Stoddard, Stone, Taney, Wright

Group II (5-10% of inquiries):

Franklin and inquiries from out of state

Group III (>10% of inquiries):

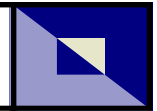
Cole, Jackson, St. Louis City and St. Louis County

Total number of counties listed: 52

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE EXHIBITS

The Governor's Council on Disability provides educational programs on disability rights and disability awareness, employment of people with disabilities, service animals and other disability-related topics to any group or organization in Missouri requesting such information. Educational programs are specifically tailored to the individual or group to ensure effectiveness. At each quarterly public Council meeting, a presentation is provided on different disability-related topics.

During calendar year 2013, GCD staff developed and presented 11 programs and 21 conference and transition fair exhibits to more than 4,550 individuals around the state (see Page 16 —Outreach Activities for more details).



AWARDS PROGRAMS

The Governor's Council on Disability sponsors the Annual Inclusion Award each year.

ANNUAL INCLUSION AWARD

The Governor's Council on Disability's annual Inclusion Award program recognizes and honors a Missouri resident, organization or business that illustrates excellence in leadership for best inclusion practices. Innovative universal design and assistive technology concepts that incorporate people with disabilities also may be submitted. The Council's Programs Committee selects the winners of the Inclusion Awards, who are nominated by individuals or organizations in their communities.

The 2012 winners were honored at the annual Power Up Conference at the Holiday Inn Executive Center, Columbia, in April 2013.



Jaime Janes accepts the 2012 Inclusion Award from GCD's Executive Director Linda Baker

The 2012 **Inclusion Award Winner** was **Jaime Janes, Kirksville RII**. Ms. Janes is a Special Education teacher who directs the community based work experience program, is the lead for Special Olympics, the Chair of the Community Transition Team, a leader with the Peer Supports grant, and a People First advocate. Ms. Janes works with students with disabilities to experience employment, become self advocates, pursue training after graduation from high school, and to link up with adult services. She works with teachers on how to develop a transition plan for students and creates adaptations for the students at work sites so they can accomplish their jobs. She is the leader of the Peer Supports grant, which provides training and supports for teachers in general education, and helps students become natural peers in the academic setting. As a People First advocate, Ms. Janes has raised awareness in the school and community about putting people first, instead of their disability and for students to be included in education, sports, work sites, and the community.

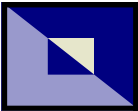
The **Honorable Mention for 2012** was awarded to **Michelle Zvanut, Boone Hospital Center**.

In the summer of 2012, Boone Hospital Center (BHC) opened its doors to youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities as a principal partner in the Seamless Transition through Enhanced Partnership (STEP) program. STEP is a collaboration involving the hospital, Columbia Public Schools, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Boone County Family Resources, and ACT. Michelle Zvanut, Vice President of Human Resources, is BHC's liaison to STEP. BHC provides classroom space, mentoring and on the job learning experiences for six high school seniors with disabilities. BHC is not only actively including the students among hospital staff in various department roles, but also bolstering their potential for fully included lives as productive adults after their graduation. BHC values its part in furthering possibilities for the student interns, and embraces the opportunity to diversify its workplace and enhance the culture of its workforce.



Honorable Mention recipient
Michelle Zvanut (right)

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AWARDS PROGRAMS

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For the 2013 Inclusion Award, the Governor's Council on Disability once again received a number of highly qualified nominations.

The 2013 Inclusion Award winner is Deborah Baldini, University of Missouri St. Louis

UMSL has emerged as a leader in fostering a culture of inclusion for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities with the implementation of its SUCCEED program. UMSL has spent the last five years developing this program, utilizing the principles of universal design. SUCCEED is a post-secondary program that allows people with disabilities the opportunity to live on campus, while taking classes that help them focus on employment that matches their skills and interests, and experiencing internships with local employers. The program was initially proposed to UMSL by Dr. Deborah Baldini, a parent of an individual with an intellectual disability, and Associate Dean for the College of Arts and Sciences at UMSL. Her vision, commitment, and leadership lead to the implementation of SUCCEED for the 2013-14 Academic Year. SUCCEED is the only residential post-secondary program in the State of Missouri at this time.

The Honorable Mention for 2013 goes to Jeff and Andrea Cunningham, Melaina's Magical Playland.

Jeff and Andrea Cunningham had a beautiful little girl named Melaina who was born with Nemaline Myopathy, who died from complications of her condition. Melaina has been the inspiration for the all inclusive, accessible playground that is now a reality in Cape Girardeau. The Cunninghams formed a not for profit organization that worked to raise the funds to build this inclusive playground. Throughout this 5 year process, the Cunninghams have educated the community about the needs and the importance of including individuals with disabilities in every aspect of their community. Adults and children of all abilities now have access to a playground where children with disabilities can play alongside their peers without disabilities, and adults with disabilities can play with their children.

For additional information, please visit our website at <http://disability.mo.gov/gcd/inclwin.htm>

YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

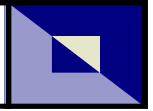
New in 2013, the Governor's Council on Disability initiated a program to award an annual Youth Leadership Award to recognize an outstanding Missouri youth (age 18-30) with a disability that has demonstrated exemplary leadership by making a difference in their community.

The winner of the 2013 Youth Leadership Award is Aaron Likens, a young man who was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome at the age of 20. Prior to that, he had a lifelong dream of becoming a NASCAR driver, and as a child he would state that "to race is Plan A, there is no Plan B". After receiving his diagnosis and finding his way to his career of being an Autism Ambassador for Easter Seals Life Skills, Aaron found a new Plan A and that was to spread the word about hope and help about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). He is an accomplished speaker, having led presentations to more than 37,000 people in Missouri over the last 3 ½ years.

He is a published author of a book titled "Finding Kansas: Decoding the Enigma of Asperger's Syndrome" and a blog: "Life on the Other Side of the Wall," which has thousands of followers. Aaron was honored with the Mental Health Champion award in 2012 in recognition of his impact in Missouri. Aaron has worked tirelessly over the past five years to increase awareness and understanding of autism throughout workshops and presentations for service coordinators, churches, schools, community fairs, parent groups, civic groups, and police continuing education courses. His most recent focus is on speaking to students with the hope of reducing bullying by increasing awareness.

For more information, please visit our website at <http://disability.mo.gov/gcd> and click on Annual Youth Leadership Award.

The awards for 2013 will be presented at the 2014 Power Up Assistive Technology conference at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach on April 15, 2014.



PUBLICATIONS / RESOURCES

DIRECTORY OF RESOURCES FOR MISSOURIANS WITH DISABILITIES

The Governor's Council on Disability publishes a variety of information on the Disability Web Portal, including the *Directory of Resources for Missourians with Disabilities*. The online Directory allows each user to search for disability-related resources by category or location.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

During the legislative session, a weekly update - *Legislative Update* - was distributed to keep interested individuals up-to-date on legislation that potentially impacts individuals with disabilities. Over 750 individuals received the publication via email and the regular mail system in addition to the website.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

The Governor's Council on Disability also disseminated a variety of other publications, including *Disaster Preparedness for Persons with Disabilities*, the *Service Animals* booklet, and accessible parking info "Tickets".

LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION PROJECT

The purpose of the Legislative Education Project (LEP) is to educate individuals about the Missouri legislative process and motivate individuals by providing opportunities to become actively involved in public policy that impacts people with disabilities. The LEP is sponsored annually during the legislative session.

In 2013, the Governor's Council on Disability offered five LEP webcast training sessions to individuals and agencies. A total of 40 participants attended the LEP webcasts during the 2013 legislative session from their homes or local provider agencies. Additionally, 17 of these individuals attended the LEP training program, held between February and April at the state capitol. Participants were given an overview of the legislative process and a list of bills that would have an impact on individuals with disabilities. Participants were then encouraged to visit with senators and representatives and their legislative staff to discuss their concerns and voice their opinions. Attendees were also strongly encouraged to attend any hearings that took place while they were in Jefferson City. Individuals left the capitol with a new confidence in getting their voice heard both in Jefferson City and in their home districts.

The Governor's Council on Disability annually conducts a **Legislative Priority Survey** to determine the top legislative priorities among people with disabilities. The survey is sent out to agencies and individuals. Based on the 265 returned surveys, the 2014 legislative priorities the Governor's Council on Disability will be following are:

- Maintaining the Human Rights Act
- Requiring a photo ID for voters and food stamp recipients
- Making Missouri accessible parking space law requirements identical to the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements
- Maintaining the helmet law requirement for all riders and drivers of motorcycles
- Expansion of MO Health Net coverage to include comprehensive day rehabilitation for brain injury and hearing aids

EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES

GCD continues to provide support to the Business Leadership Network (BLN) which is an employer driven endeavor to promote best practices in disability employment. In Missouri, there are two regional locations: 1) St. Louis region—Missouri Business Leadership Network (MOBLN)—that covers Greater St. Louis region and eight of the Southern Illinois counties; and 2) Kansas City region—Greater Kansas City BLN (GKCBLN)—which covers the western Missouri and eastern Kansas area.

Both State BLNs hosted events in October to honor national disability employment month. At the MOBLN luncheon, Mr. Randy Lewis, former Walgreens CEO was the presenter. Walgreens' goal is to bring its workforce percentage of employees with disabilities up to 51%. GKCBLN hosted a champion awards luncheon, presenting awards to large and small employers in the greater Kansas City area. The chair of GKCBLN has also served as the USBLN chair and was instrumental in updating the strategic plan for the USBLN. Plans have been initiated for MOBLN to merge with the St. Louis Diversity Initiative in 2014.

GCD supports the National Governor's Association's employment initiative to be proactive in hiring people with disabilities. A letter was written to Governor Nixon, encouraging him to appoint a Missouri Task Force on the Employment of Persons with Disabilities and having state government serve as a model in hiring and retaining people with disabilities.

The Governor's Council on Disability will be following the progress of the final rule of the Section 503 regulations, which will become effective on March 24, 2014. The final rule strengthens the affirmative action provisions of the regulations to aid contractors and sub contractors in their efforts to recruit and hire individuals with disabilities, and improve job opportunities for individuals with disabilities. The final rule also makes changes to the nondiscrimination provisions of the regulations to bring them into compliance with the ADA Amendment Act of 2008.

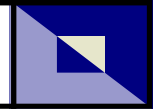
MISSOURI YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM

The Missouri Youth Leadership Forum (Forum) was held July 21—24, 2013 at the University of Missouri in Columbia. Twenty-four (24) youth-delegates participated in the four-day event, which is a leadership and career development skills training for high school juniors and seniors with disabilities. By serving as delegates from their communities, young people with disabilities cultivated leadership, citizenship, and social skills. Activities included speakers, small group discussions, assistive technology demonstrations, career exploration, mentoring luncheon, and a day at the State Capitol in Jefferson City to meet with legislators.



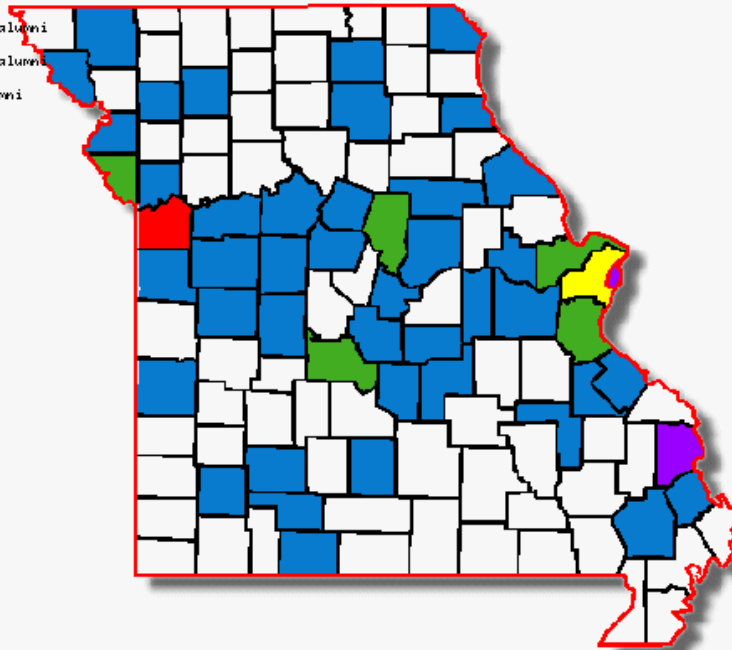
As part of the training, students participated in a mock legislative session at the capitol, where the delegates and staff had the opportunity to visit the House and Senate Chambers, learn about the legislative process and discuss disability-related legislation with Representatives and Senators from several districts.

After the mock legislative sessions with the legislators, the delegates toured the Governor's office and met with Governor Jay Nixon.



Missouri Youth Leadership Forum – Alumni by Counties

- - < 5 alumni
- - 5 - 10 alumni
- - 11 - 20 alumni
- - 21 - 30 alumni
- - > 30 alumni



NOTES:

The counties displayed on the map include the following:

Group I (less than 5 alumni):

Adair, Audrain, Benton, Buchanan, Callaway, Cass, Christian, Clark, Clay, Cole, Cooper, Daviess, DeKalb, Franklin, Gasconade, Greene, Henry, Holt, Howard, Iron, Johnson, Lafayette, Lawrence, Macon, Maries, Marion, Miller, Nodaway, Pettis, Phelps, Pike, Pulaski, Ste. Genevieve, St. Francois, Saline, Scott, Stoddard, Taney, Vernon, Warren, Wright

Group II (5 – 10 alumni):

Boone, Camden, Jefferson, Platte, St. Charles

Group III (11 – 20 alumni):

Cape Girardeau, St. Louis City

Group IV (21 – 30 alumni):

Jackson County

Group V (more than 30 alumni): St. Louis County (52)

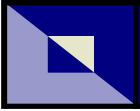
Total no. of counties represented: **49**, plus the City of St. Louis

Total number of alumni attending the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum from 2001 – 2013: **200**

Outcomes of the Forum are:

- The Forum partnered with the Missouri Assistive Technology Council to incorporate iPads as part of the delegates' learning experience. The delegates learned new technology and presentation skills by using the iPads.
- Twenty-four (24) delegates attended in 2013, representing the different geographical areas in Missouri.
- Nine (9) alumni attended the 2013 Forum as facilitators and team members
- Some alumni are attending graduate school, one alumna completed an internship with GCD in the Spring of 2013.
- Two alumni graduated from law school.
- One alumnus has been appointed to the Governor's Council on Disability.
- One alumnus has been appointed to the St. Louis County Commission on Disabilities.
- An alumni association is being formed.

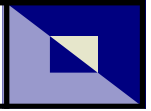
The 2014 Forum will be held at University of Missouri in Columbia from July 20-23, 2014.



OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

The Governor's Council on Disability participated in numerous outreach activities throughout the year to promote disability awareness and inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of life. Some of the highlights were:

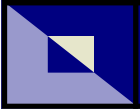
- GCD continues to update the Missouri Disability Web Portal, which serves as a one-stop access point for the public to obtain information on disability resources. The homepage of this portal offers links to other entities and state agencies that provide services to people with disabilities. Resources are listed in different categories such as Employment, Housing, Education, and Transportation to make it easier for individuals to find the information they are looking for. Our office received inquiries regarding our website content from individuals nationwide. In 2013, the Disability Web Portal had 66,927 page views. The Missouri Disability Web Portal can be accessed at <http://disability.mo.gov>.
- GCD has a Facebook page with a growing fan base that reached 12,623 views in 2013.
- During the month of October, which is Disability History Month in Missouri, GCD featured a disability history month toolkit for schools, a special showcase of Missourians with disabilities on the Disability Web Portal, and an informational display in the Truman Building in Jefferson City about Disability History Month and National Disability Employment Awareness Month.
- GCD provided exhibit booths at the following conferences throughout the year:
 - ⇒ Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL) Conference, Tulsa, Oklahoma
 - ⇒ Council for Extended Care, Osage Beach
 - ⇒ DEAF, Inc. Winterfest, St. Louis
 - ⇒ Disability Awareness Conference, Kirksville
 - ⇒ Down Syndrome Association of Greater St. Louis
 - ⇒ High School Transition Fairs in:
 - ⇒ Camdenton
 - ⇒ Hillsboro
 - ⇒ Lee's Summit
 - ⇒ Monett
 - ⇒ Sedalia
 - ⇒ St. Charles
 - ⇒ St. Louis Public Schools
 - ⇒ Warrensburg
 - ⇒ Waynesville
 - ⇒ Missouri Association of County Developmental Disabilities Services (MACDDS), Lake Ozark
 - ⇒ Missouri Housing Summit, Jefferson City
 - ⇒ No More Stares, St. Joseph
 - ⇒ Power Up, Columbia
 - ⇒ Real Voices, Real Choices Consumer Conference, Osage Beach
 - ⇒ Walk for Autism and Resource Fair, St. Louis
 - ⇒ Walk 'n' Roll, Kansas City



BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

As part of the Governor's Council on Disability's advisory capacity function, staff and Council members serve on a variety of boards and commissions to promote opportunities in all aspects of life, including employment, transportation, recreation, and housing. The following is a list of those boards and commissions in which staff and Council members served in calendar year 2013.

Aging and Disability Coalition, St. Joseph
Alliance for Full Participation, Columbia
American Association of People with Disabilities, Kansas City
AYLF (Association of Youth Leadership Associations), Nationwide
Brain Injury Association of Missouri, St. Louis
Community Transition Teams, Statewide
Disability Mentoring Day Planning Committee, Statewide
DMH's Healthy Living Transition Initiative, Statewide
Down Syndrome Association of St. Louis
East-West Gateway Council of Governments, St. Louis
Employment First Initiative, Statewide
Independent Living Resource Center Board, Jefferson City
Interagency Task Force on Emergency Preparedness, Statewide
Lake Transition Network, Lake Ozark
Missouri Interagency Transition Team, Statewide
Missouri Lifespan Respite Coalition
Money Follows the Person Stakeholders Group, Jefferson City
MO Youth Leadership Forum Planning Committee, Jefferson City/Columbia
National Association of Governors' Committees on People with Disabilities
Rehabilitation Services Administration, Columbia
State Rehabilitation Council, Statewide
St. Louis City Advisory Council, St. Louis
St. Louis County Commission on Disabilities, St. Louis
St. Louis Transitional Council, St. Louis
State Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies, Columbia
Statewide Emergency Management Planning Teams, Statewide
Statewide Independent Living Council, Jefferson City
VSA, Statewide
YWCA Advisory Council on Sexual Assault Study of Women with Disabilities, St. Louis



LEGISLATION

The Governor's Council on Disability will continue to advocate for people with disabilities in the 2014 legislative session.

- GCD staff will be examining pre-filed bills that relate to disability and is analyzing their impact on the disability community.
- The Council is using the results of the 2013 legislative survey as a basis for pursuing legislative issues in the upcoming legislative session. Please refer to page 13 of the annual report for a listing of the legislative priorities.
- The Governor's Council on Disability and the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) will continue to co-sponsor the Legislative Education Project (LEP) (see page 13).

2014 MEETING AND EVENT DATES

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

February 10, 2014*

April 25, 2014**

September 19, 2014*

November 13, 2014**

The Council meetings are scheduled to begin at 10 AM.

* Face-to-face meetings will be held at the
Governor's Office Building
200 Madison Street, Room 315

** Electronic meetings will be held by videoconference in different locations across Missouri.

The Council meetings are open to the public. If you would like to attend or request additional information, please contact our office at gcd@oa.mo.gov or 573-751-2600.

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